### **BEFORE**

### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

### SOUTH CAROLINA

# DOCKET NO. 2007-241-C - ORDER NO. 2007-575

## AUGUST 23, 2007

| IN RE: | Flatel, Inc.,   | ) | ORDER GRANTING<br>REQUEST |
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|        | Complainant/Petitioner,                                 | ) | 1220201                   |
|        | v.  | ) |                           |
|        | United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a Embarq, | ) |                           |
|        | Defendant/Respondent.                                   | ) |                           |

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the joint request of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a Embarq (Embarq) and Flatel, Inc. (Flatel) (together, the Joint Movants or the parties) to hold the Flatel complaint in this Docket in abeyance.

The Joint Movants state that they are engaged in settlement negotiations to resolve several pending matters between the two companies, including matters directly related to the Complaint/Petition filed in this Docket. The parties anticipate that they will resolve these matters and enter into a settlement agreement, and that, as a result, Flatel will be dismissing the Complaint. However, in the interim, Flatel has consented to a 30 day extension of time in this matter. The Joint Movants further state that if they are unable to resolve these matters and enter into a settlement agreement by August 27, 2007,

Embarq will file its response to the Flatel Complaint. The Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the joint request.

Accordingly, the Commission grants the joint motion to hold the Flatel complaint in this Docket in abeyance as per the terms outlined by the parties, and for a 30 day extension of time for Embarq to file its Answer to the Flatel Complaint, counted from the date of the request.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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